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YUTAKA OKAMOTO, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING SYNC MARK IN A DISK DRIVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:


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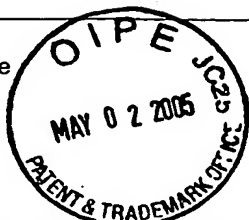
The reference(s) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Austrian Search Report dated November 18, 2004, cites U.S. reference 5,243,471 which was previously submitted to the Patent Office on March 10, 2004 and therefor is not listed on the attached PTO-1449.

The undersigned respectfully notes that copies of U.S. references are not required in applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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